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*Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.*

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## **Opportunity to apply for adult education materials**

The State Library has recently used grant funds to purchase an educational use statewide license for the Kentucky Educational Television programs *Workplace Essential Skills* (WES) and *GED Connection* (GEDC). PBS stations will broadcast the video portions of these programs, and various educational entities throughout the state will use accompanying materials in different ways. The recent LSTA grant call included an option for study groups based on the WES and GEDC materials. The grant opportunity will be repeated in future calls. The grant award includes a starter kit of the materials.

In addition, through partnership with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, a limited number of WES and GEDC video sets are also available to libraries that can justify their use as part of their collections without accompanying programming. The package includes the videos and 3 copies of each workbook. Libraries may duplicate the videos while the statewide license is in place. The workbooks may not be duplicated, but may be bought in quantity at a discount under the license.

The WES curriculum consists of 25 video programs and 4 workbooks. It presents academic literacy skills at a 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade level and information about the attitudes and "soft skills" necessary to succeed at work. Reading, writing, math, communication, and problem solving are presented in workplace contexts such as preparing résumés and applications and preparing for interviews and workplace expectations.

The GEDC program includes 39 videotapes and 3 workbooks geared for adults with a 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade reading level who are studying for the GED exam. GEDC covers all five GED subject areas and includes instruction in procedural aspects of passing the test such as the specific calculator supplied for part of the math test, the new grid answer sheets, the essay, maps, charts, and graphics on the test. Videos introduce content and give learners a chance to see how the skills they are learning for the GED exam relate to work, home, and community life.

Applications for each set of materials may be obtained by contacting Karen Jones, Missouri State Library, literacy consultant, at 1-800-325-0131 ext. 11, 573-751-0158, or [jonesk@sosmail.state.mo.us](mailto:jonesk@sosmail.state.mo.us). Please contact Karen with any questions or to receive additional information.

While there is no deadline for these applications, the available materials will be awarded to qualifying libraries as applications are received and approved, so early submission is to the library's advantage.

## State Aid payments

The first and second quarters of State Aid FY2004 (\$0.55 per capita) will soon be distributed to eligible public libraries. The legislature appropriated an increase in funding this fiscal year in order to compensate for population growth during the last decade. This allows the Missouri State Library to maintain the \$0.55 Per Capita State Aid and to rebuild the Equalization portion of State Aid. When you have the opportunity to talk with your legislator, please express your gratitude for the fiscal support for libraries in your community.

Another announcement will be issued when an actual payment date is determined, and the amounts will be posted to the web page. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Carolyn Baker, Missouri State Library, library administration consultant, at 1-800-325-0131 ext. 17, 573-522-9564, or [bakerc@sosmail.state.mo.us](mailto:bakerc@sosmail.state.mo.us).

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